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MOE approves 2.7 million litre/day draw Soyers Lake Association questions water permit

A Ministry of Environment approval to remove 2.7 million litres of water per day from Little Soyers Lake is being questioned by a local ratepayers organization.

The Soyers Lake Ratepayers Association has filed a request to appeal with the Environmental Appeal Board after the new owners of the property known as Woodland Ranch were given permission to take the water to irrigate a 36 hole golf course they're planning to build on the property.

David Pengelly, president of the lake association, said the group is not opposed to the use of the water on the golf course, but feels the impact of the permit needs closer examination before it is approved. Pengelly was also critical of the manner in which information about the permit request was made available to the public.

The permit to use the water was granted January 14 after being posted for 30 days on a section of the Ministry of Environment website. A 15 day period for the receipt of objections ended on February 3. "We were alerted to this just days before the date and were able to get our appeal in," Pengelly said, "But it was a real scramble contacting the members of our executive and getting the necessary paperwork together."

The permit allows the withdrawal of 2.7 million litres of water a day from Little Soyers Lake, between May and the end of September, starting May 20, 2000. The permit is for 25 years.

The association is not only concerned about the process by which the permit was issued, but also about the potential environmental impact on the watershed and its own lake.

Pengelly noted that Little Soyers

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COSSA CROSS-COUNTRY COMPETITORS:

Members of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School teams not only competed in but hosted the COSSA Cross-Country Ski competitions last week. At the right, Carrie Heyes demonstrates the form which earned her a third place finish in Junior Girls. See page 17 for a complete list of results. Members of the Cross-Country teams include: from the left, in front, JDH skiers Shane Dibblee, Scott Griffith and Ryan Hutson. Second row, Chris Ratz, Kristy Bowskill-Bolin, Steph Ratz, Liz Brown and Amy Ellis; third row, coach Sharon Dibblee, Alison Kennedy, Carrie Heyes, Erica Ainsley, Lindsey Robertson, Kate Foulds, Cheri Huck, Tina Costeloe, Adam Bathe, Jordan Bain and Steve Johnson; back row, Brock Ladurantaye, Ryan O'Neill, John Heffer, coach Bruce Griffith and Geoff Meyers.



Transportation system set to roll

The Haliburton County Transportation Committee has been given the green light.

On March first it will inaugurate a system to provide accessible transportation

for residents in need of a lift.

The Haliburton Highlands Transportation Co-ordination Centre will be the hub of transportation, and will be a source of scheduling in the hope that fewer resources are required to ensure residents are taken for a ride.

Transportation has been an issue for Haliburton County for

some time. Anyone without a reliable method of transportation, or who does not have a driver's licence is well aware of the difficulties faced, when trying to schedule medical appointments, go shopping, or simply visit with friends or family.

The Strategic Planning committee

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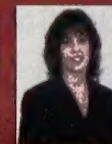
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The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce has led the corporate sector with a donation to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation capital campaign of \$41,500. The first installment of that contribution, \$10,375, was made last week at the CIBC branch in Haliburton. Chair of the Foundation, Dale Walker, accepted the cheque from Haliburton branch manager Phil Meyers, right and Minden branch manager Diane Chantler. Also on hand for the presentation were capital campaign chair, Don Popple, second from the left, vice chair, David Gary, second from the right and Foundation board member, Jack Brezina, left. They were joined, for the presentation, by members of the Haliburton CIBC branch.



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Kinmount medical clinic ready to open

After years of effort, a medical clinic is about to open in the village of Kinmount.

In a press release issued last week, Dr. Elna MiHu announced plans to open the clinic in late April. The clinic will be located in the former Galway/Cavendish municipal building on Highway 503 near the Kinmount fairgrounds.

Kinmount resident Ted Wilkes, who has spearheaded the drive to attract a doctor to the community, is obviously pleased with the announcement. "It has been a lot of work over the past few years, but I think the wait was worth it."

Dr. MiHu is moving to Kinmount from her practice in Aurora. She acquired her medical degree from McMaster University in Hamilton and also has an undergraduate degree in Social Sciences from the University of Ottawa. During the past four years, she has been involved in work and training in rural and northern Ontario.

Initially the clinic will only be open Fridays and Saturdays. "This temporary, part-time schedule will allow

the health clinic to iron out any problems before offering full-time services," the doctor said in the press release. A registry allowing patients to pre-book appointments will be opened in mid-March.

Dr. MiHu noted that she would continue to work closely with the Kinmount and District Health Services Committee, chaired by Wilkes. "It is our hope the committee will continue to advance our community's health care needs and act as a liaison with the health clinic," she said. "This will be instrumental in helping us to provide the best quality of health care for the people in our region and in supporting our efforts to recruit a second family physician in order to provide better continuity of care and avoid physician burnout."

Her husband Jean-Claude Lagrange will be assisting in the operation of the clinic as the practice manager. He has a degree in business administration from the University of Ottawa. The couple has purchased a home in the area and have been enjoying the area while keeping busy with the details of relocating.



Opening soon

The former Galway/Cavendish municipal office will soon become the office of Dr. Elna MiHu, the family physician who is establishing a practice in Kinmount.

Association fears environmental impacts

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Lake is a small lake which feeds into Soyers Lake through a shallow creek. The land around the lake has been untouched by development for the past 100 years, except for a single cottage.

He said the Soyers Lake association would like to know what the impact on its lake would be if such a large amount of water is removed. He predicted that the water level in Little Soyers Lake could drop by 50 cm, eliminating the flow of water from the smaller lake to the larger body. "This is a substantial reduction in the inflow of water to Soyers Lake, especially if we have a dry summer like we had last year."

The association is also concerned that the drop in water levels will affect the wetlands surrounding Little Soyers lake. As well, the use of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers on the golf course could adversely affect the quality of water in Little Soyers Lake and ultimately Soyers Lake. Pengelly noted that Soyers Lake has been identified as a lake trout habi-

tat, a species that is intolerant to changes in its environment.

According to Pengelly, the association believes the permit period should be reduced to five years to allow for a re-assessment of the environmental impact.

"We are also concerned that, considering the amount of water being requested in the permit, no effort was made to contact us directly or to advertise the permit request in the local newspapers," Pengelly said. He only became aware of the permit request when contacted by the Haliburton County Environmental Committee. He credited its chair, Carolyn Coburn for alerting his association about the request.

Coburn repeated the concerns of the property owners spokesman stating that municipalities and those affected by such permits should have been notified directly. Coburn pointed out that climatic conditions are changing. She wondered, "How can the Ministry of Environment give permission to with-

draw a fixed amount of water for 25 years when we can't be sure what the rainfall amounts will be over that period of time."

Pengelly pointed out that while the notice of the permit request is posted on the Ministry of Environment website, it was not easy to find. "I have been using the web for 25 years," he said, "and yet was unable to locate the information using traditional search techniques." He said it was a matter he would likely take up with the MOE at a later date.

The Soyers Lake Ratepayers Association represents 180 land owners with property valued at \$20 to \$30 million, plus a significant impact on the local economy.

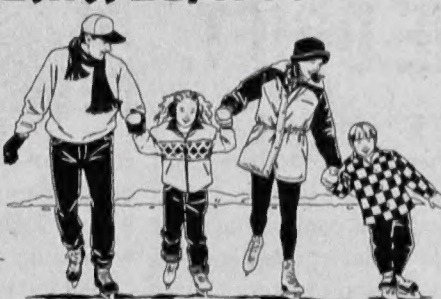
The 4800 acre Woodland Ranch property was purchased last year. In addition to the golf course, the company has announced plans to create a resort which would include a dude ranch, camping, cottages, lodge facilities and other attractions. Since the property was purchased, extensive logging of the land has been taking place.

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OPP Cadets get first-hand look at life behind a badge

by Ariel White

They look like police officers.

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But for now, Ben Mayville and Mike Deyell are in Minden to learn the ropes and see what it is like to be a police officer. They are serving as cadets at the Minden OPP detachment.

Deyell and Mayville are two of 120 cadets across Ontario who are working full time in OPP detachment offices. They are there to experience on the job training and learn valuable skills. As well their presence helps to lighten the administrative load of regular officers.

The cadet program is a joint effort between the OPP and provincial government, which provided \$6 million for the project. During the 16 month training period, the cadets will have work experience in a variety of areas including administrative duties such as traffic reports, assisting the court officers, dealing with the public, and accompanying officers on patrol. After the training session is complete, the cadets may apply to become part of the regular force. Before being accepted they will undergo after another period of formal training at the Ontario Provincial Police College in Aylmer.

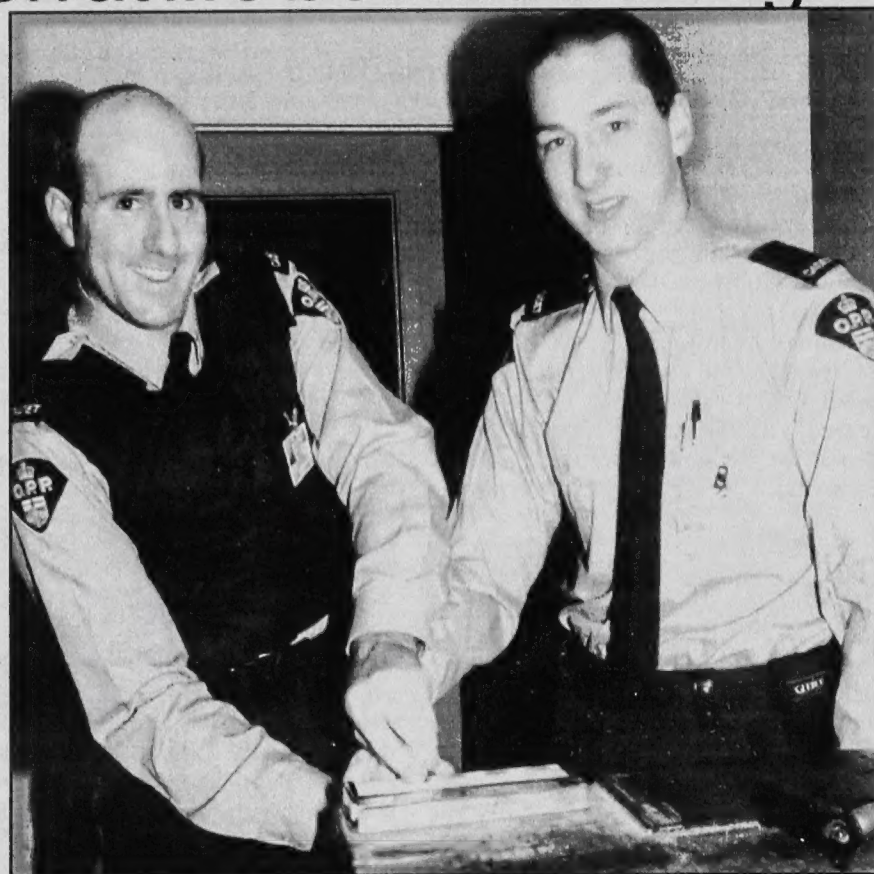
"It's opened my eyes to a lot of things," said Ben Mayville. "It's a valuable tool to see what a police career means." For Mike Deyell, who comes from a family of enforcement officers, it was a chance to see for himself whether this was the right choice for him. "This is what I wanted to do all my life. It is a great experience."

Although the cadets are issued the standard uniform, they do not have the legal authority of a police officer, nor do they carry firearms. According to Mayville, however, when in contact with the public, the cadets are seen as members of the force. "The public doesn't differentiate us from the regular officers. We represent the OPP," he said.

On a weekly basis, the Lindsay natives take to the roads with an officer and may assist at traffic accidents, break and enter calls or any other situations that a regular officer may encounter on the job. "This is very much the practical setting, as opposed to a theoretical one," said Mayville.

The cadets are a popular addition to the Minden/Coboconk detachment. According to Constable Laura Ostler, the officers vie for the cadets' time, which has become extremely valuable.

Both Deyell and Mayville feel that this has been a worthwhile experience and would recommend the training program to anyone interested in becoming an Ontario Provincial Police officer.



JUST THE FACTS: Police cadets Ben Mayville and Mike Deyell test out the fingerprinting equipment at the Minden OPP detachment. During their 16 months of training, they will have a chance to try many aspects of policing, including administrative duties.

Transportation service gets green light

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for Haliburton County created a transportation steering committee to deal with the problem of accessible transportation in the Highlands and how an efficient and cost-effective system could be created, using existing resources. Members of the board included various stakeholders such as the County of Haliburton, Home Support Services, the Health Services Board, the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, Northernways Transit, the Dymo Bus, the Association for Community Living, Ken Noble and various consumers.

The group received \$46,900 from the province for administrative costs and to hire a consultant to review the needs and requirements for a transportation system. Funding came from the Community Transportation Action Program (CTAP), a joint effort of five provincial ministries. The committee was given six months to implement a program which met the following criteria: was completely self-sufficient; and was based on a user-pay system. Haliburton County Home Support Services is the lead agency in this venture and provides an office for the service. Starting March 1, Marilyn Pennycook will begin scheduling for those who require transportation.

"Hopefully the phone will start ringing," said Pennycook. The goal of the program is to co-ordinate volunteer drivers and transportation operators who already take various residents to medical appointments in Lindsay and Peterborough, or shopping in Haliburton or Minden, for example, to ensure that more clients use the system and fewer vehicles are needed. The aim of the program is to save money spent on kilometre re-imbursement and save the various organizations from overlapping or neglecting client service. There will be 38 volunteer drivers available to transport residents to job interviews or placements, doctors appointments, shopping or visits to friends or family. This service is available for those who are willing to pay.

Part of co-ordinating such a program is scheduling. Susan Ball will also be working on the project to organize a database of clients, availability of drivers and the frequency of use. It may be possible once popular patterns have been determined, to create a regular route system.

The cost of the program depends upon the number of users in each vehicle and the distance travelled. For example, two passengers travelling from Cardiff to Peterborough and back will pay \$42. Pennycook suggests that clients in need of rides should contact the co-ordination centre at 457-3311. At least 24 hours notice is required to help scheduling.

"This system uses what already exists. It's just a matter of using it better," said Pennycook. She has already received calls about the program, and hopes that more residents will begin to use the system.

Pennycook stressed that this program is available to anyone, young or old, with or without special needs. "We hope the youth of the county will see this as an opportunity. There are also many services that aren't accessible without transportation. The possibilities are endless."

Clients who require wheelchair accessible transportation will benefit from the use of the DYMO bus, once restricted to Dysart township residents, which is now available to all Haliburton County residents, on a user pay system.

For more information on the Transportation Co-ordination Centre, or to book a ride, call Marilyn Pennycook.

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Eagle Lake couple seeking punitive damages from company

Local insurance case may be heard by Supreme Court of Canada

A dispute between a Highlands couple and an insurance company may be heard in the Supreme Court of Canada.

That is the expectation of Keith Whiten, of Eagle Lake, following a split decision by the Ontario Court of Appeal on the awarding of damages resulting from an insurance claim six years ago.

The couple lost their home, on the Old Donald Road near Haliburton, to fire in January 1994. They barely escaped with their lives, fleeing the burning building in their pyjamas, along with their daughter and three dogs. The fire, as well as levelling their home, destroyed all their personal effects and furniture including a number of antiques.

According to Keith Whiten, the firm which insured their home against fire, Pilot Insurance Company, was, at first, responsive to their plight. "Initially they were quite good," he said during an interview at his antique business on Haliburton's Main Street. "They advanced us \$5,000 to replace the necessities of living: clothing, toiletries, etc. They paid the rent on a cabin we were living in temporarily."

The first sign that this attitude had changed came when the owner of the cabin contacted them about the rent for the third month. Unbeknownst to the Whitens, the company had stopped the rental payments after two months advising the landlord, but not the couple. "We didn't learn what they had done until we heard from the landlord inquiring about the rent."

What followed was a series of investigations into the fire by the insurance company. According to Whiten and the records filed in the subsequent court case, the adjuster and an engineer who initially examined the fire scene said the claim was valid. However the insurance company hired another adjuster who, according to Whiten, "...gave them the report they wanted."

The insurance company then denied their claim, suggesting that the couple was responsible for the fire.

The Whitens fought the company and after 18 months the court awarded them the insurance claim, which has been paid by the company. The court also ordered the company to pay the Whitens's costs, something it has yet to do.

Following the claim judgement, the couple sued the company and, in 1997, a jury awarded them \$1 million in punitive damages, a record high amount for Ontario. Pilot Insurance appealed the judgement and the decision, by the Ontario Court of Appeal, delivered December 17, reduced the award to \$100,000. It is this decision which the couple hopes will be heard by the Supreme Court of Canada.

As Keith Whiten explained, the Supreme Court must first decide if it will hear the case, a process that could take six months. He is optimistic, noting that the Ontario Court of Appeal ruling was a 2-1 split decision and included a strongly-worded dissenting opinion by Mr. Justice John Laskin. In defence of the \$1 million punitive damage award he said the insurance company was "malicious" and "high-handed" in its treatment of the couple and the claim. He also wrote, "The award must sting," to serve as a deterrent to other insurance companies. It was pointed out in the trial that Pilot Insurance Company had a net worth of \$231 million. "For a company with such a substantial net worth, an award of \$50,000 or even \$100,000...is hardly likely to act as a deterrent."

While the other judges hearing the case agreed that the company's action was "reprehensible", Mr. Justice George Finlayson and Mr. Justice Marvin Catzman, expressed reservation over the size of the punitive damage award and reduced the amount to \$100,000. The company, in its argument against the size of the damage award, said the amount should be in the realm of others paid in similar situations.

The Whitens were represented by lawyer Gary Will of the Toronto firm of MacMillan, Rooke and Boeckle, a company they hired based on a recommendation from Minden lawyer Don Finn.

While the couple feels vindicated by the decisions of the court, the process over the past five years

has been trying. "My wife's health has suffered," Keith Whiten explained, the eight week trial has been very traumatic. It all has been extremely frustrating."

They have also discovered that they are not alone in their fight with insurance companies. Since their challenge became public, they have heard from other individuals who have had trouble with insurance claims. "This is not an isolated case," Keith Whiten said.

For the moment however, the Whitens have the satisfaction of knowing that their claim has been validated and that they will be compensated, not only for the loss of their home, but for the conduct of the insurance company following the fire. Whether the matter will be heard by the Supreme Court of Canada should be known in about six months. If the court agrees to hear the case, it could be 18 months before their claim for the higher punitive damages will be argued.

Snowmobiler dies after collision with dock

A Peterborough man is dead after a snowmobile accident on Deer Lake near Dorset on February 13.

The rider was travelling along the shore of Deer Lake when his machine struck a wooden dock that had been pulled up on shore for winter storage. As a result of the collision, the operator was seriously injured. Carl Douglas Reid, 45, of Peterborough, succumbed to his injuries a short time after.

A second snowmobile, operated by 37 year-old Phillip Esson of Port Hope, was following behind Reid. He was taken to Huntsville Hospital for treatment of non-life threatening injuries.

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Editorial

Eliminating the isolation

It is difficult, in this mobile world, to imagine that some people don't have access to a ready means of transportation. Many people, however, through lack of resources, because the spouse, who was always the driver, has passed away, or for other reasons, find themselves isolated because of lack of transportation. This sense of isolation can be particularly acute when the individual lives in the rural areas surrounding built-up communities. These individuals must rely on members of their family and the good will of neighbours or friends for such routine

tasks as grocery shopping, attending medical appointments, going to church or for social contact. The problems can be exacerbated by winter road conditions or medical treatments which require frequent trips to the doctor.

The need for a co-ordinated transportation system has long been recognized in the Highlands. Many groups have attempted to fill that need. Volunteers have willingly stepped forward to assist, most using their own vehicles, to ensure those without transportation have a

way to get to where they need to be. The introduction of this new transportation system will only enhance those services. By providing a central point for co-ordination, duplication of services can be eliminated and hopefully fewer people will feel the isolation that comes with not having access to a vehicle. In an area such as ours, with so many people living in the countryside, this new services has answered a long-awaited need. Hats off to those who have seen it through to completion.

jb

Health care problems will not be solved by throwing more money at them

Editor:

I am a resident of Lindsay, and I had the occasion to read your editorial (February 15, *The crisis in health care*).

I have never met you sir, but judging from the content of your diatribe, I should guess that you're either a card carrying Liberal or New Democrat, or have some affiliation with the Health Care community, or both. Who else but a vested interest, could so obviously and blatantly disregard the pertinent facts when attempting to discuss a subject as complex as the health care system in Ontario.

You must believe that the answer to all of the problems of the world would be easily solved by throwing more and more money at them. We did that when the aforementioned political parties ran the province, and all we had to show for that solution was a 1 billion dollar deficit. A deficit the Tories, you so easily criticize, are close to finally eliminating.

The fact is, that the problems with providing health care in this province are systemic in nature, and will take more than a band-aid solution to overcome. I would respectfully submit, to you and your readers, that health care

problems, like crowded emergency wards and lack of acute care beds, have been around for twenty years or more, and the current government is the first one in that time frame that has had the political will to make the tough decisions necessary to begin to really fix what's wrong. Real solutions take time to implement properly. Resources must be carefully allocated. Accountability must be reintroduced to the mix. That's called leadership, not pandering to special interests.

In my opinion, the crisis in health care has been averted by the actions of this government, not created. Is every-

thing perfect? Of course not. But ask yourself this. Would the taxpayers of this province be better off had the government continued on the path of ever increasing spending on health, jumping from crisis to crisis? Or is beginning to rebuild the system into one which provides us with quality, sustainable medical services, a better way to go for the people of this province?

We know what the vested interests would say. I say that's an expensive gamble with a history of failure!

Robert A. Seabrook
Lindsay

Gun range objection

Editor:

Re: Proposal to develop a private firing range in Lutterworth Township.

I read in a recent issue of the Minden Times that such a proposal is being entertained by the Ministry. It would appear that the installation of such a facility will depend on the acquisition, by purchase and lease, of over 1200 acres of Crown land in Lutterworth

Township, added to the utilization of over 600 acres of land already owned by the presenting party.

As a property owner in Lutterworth, including a mere one hundred acres of wilderness, which has been specifically designated for the free use of all wilderness travellers for access to adjacent Crown lands, I object to any reduction in the unencumbered availability of any

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No home here on the range

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still existing Crown lands to all citizens of our country. From the account in *The Times*, it would appear that the extreme property requirement is to provide adequate safety, which, by definition, means that any person or animal on any of the acquired property would be at risk. The small concession that there would be no firing activities during hunting season is meaningless.

At this time, when we are becoming increasingly concerned about the prevalence of lethal weapons, I am bewildered trying to justify the need for a training ground for civilians to increase their skills in weaponry. Personally, I believe that the operation of firearms should be restricted to serious hunters in the appropriate wildlife habitat, our police and our military personnel who, only by the authority of our parliament,

are responsible for law and order. We do not need an armed civilian contingent, trained or otherwise! I do not think that the Ministry should be supporting an undertaking that will direct the use of public lands to any private undertaking that could have no useful purpose for the public, and indeed could become very harmful.

The local issues of noise would, of course, be a concern. That could seriously affect the lives of the neighbours of the project. That property now has a significant population of wild life, including bears, coyotes, foxes, wolves, deer, beaver &c. who have developed their own relationships. The noise, even if it is intermittent, will drive these animals out of that area.

I am not impressed with the reference to the occasional deaf deer that

have been approaching a firing range. These animals will leave this area, and much more likely will seek out refuge from adjacent populated terrain. This will certainly be to their disadvantage, and a nuisance to those whose homes they have to share.

There are very adequate firing ranges at Camp Borden, as well as other established training facilities. We do not need any more.

Barbara and Harvie Brooks,
Black Lake

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A different kind of body shop

Editor:

I would like all of us to look into a principle applied to a different field.

How would you like it if the government took over the auto insurance business as well as the body shops? At first, most people would think this is great. I would drag a nail down the side

of my car and go get a new paint job. Who would care? The body shops would get more work than they could handle and the government foots the bill.

In no time, all of us would have new looking cars and we would not have to think about the cost. Eventu-

(more on page 8)

Bomb your enemies with kindness

I've been thinking about that pathetic exercise in sword-rattling that the U.S. engaged in last December — the bombing of Iraq. The Pentagon spent hundreds of millions of dollars lobbing cruise missiles and ICBMs and heaven knows what other hunks of explosive hardware into the sands of the Iraqi desert and for what? To have Saddam Hussein emerge unscathed and thumbing his nose at the end of it all.

Okay, the Yanks knocked off a few palm trees and a couple of underground camel garages (not to mention an unknown toll of innocent bystanders), but Saddam the Insane came out of the bombardment without so much as a hangnail. I reckon we set Hussein's loopy plans for world domination back by, oh, maybe three weeks.

I'm wondering, what if, instead of bombs, the United States Air Force had dropped a payload of...

Frozen turkeys. Or Hershey Bars. Or several thousand tons of shredded wheat.

I'm serious. Just imagine the consternation in Iraq if they heard the air raid sirens wail, looked up and saw the sky blossoming with parachutes carrying food and medical supplies instead of shells full of explosives.

It would have saved lives instead of taking them -- plus it would have driven the Iraqi leader even more nuts than he

already is. And it would have utterly confounded the populace. Iraqis have been conditioned to hate and fear Great Satan America. How can you despise a country that airlifts life necessities to you?

A great opportunity missed. Reminds me of the story about Hitler in the Second World War. The story goes that Nazi engineers presented Hitler with engraver's plates capable of producing fake British currency so perfect the notes defied detection. All Hitler had to do was print up several tons of British five- and ten-pound notes, air lift them over the English Channel in a fleet of Heinkels and open the bomb bay doors. The next day, Britons would be knee deep in fresh, new folding money. Every citizen would be an instant millionaire.

And the British economy would collapse within the week.

The story goes that Hitler rejected the scheme as "too inhumane." I don't believe that nose-stretcher, but I can't help wondering what would have happened if it were true, and Hitler had dropped those bushels of bank notes over wartime Blighty.

Makes me wonder if it isn't time to reassess our brutish behaviour in general. This tired old planet can't take much more of the treatment we've been dishing out. Maybe it's

time to embark on a worldwide program of Aggressive Kindness.

City authorities in Montreal have already established the first beachhead. They've cleared crack dealers, prostitutes and other undesireables away from a popular downtown haunt, not with police batons and paddywagons but with....

Music. Opera music, to be precise. The kids laughed when the cops tried to move them on, but a couple of Maria Callas arias followed by a few stanzas of Wagner over the public address system and they ran like rabbits.

The same principle played out at a Toronto factory that crossed Dan McCaig. Dan — a factory employee — wanted to protest a mass layoff of his fellow workers at the plant. He could have staged a walkout. He might have chained himself to a lathe. He could have engaged in some act of industrial sabotage. Instead, he put on a kilt, hefted his bagpipes and stationed himself on a ledge above the factory floor.

Where he played Amazing Grace and Auld Lang Syne on the bagpipes for the next four hours.

He brought work to a standstill and made his point, all without shedding a drop of blood or destroying the company's property.

Still....four hours of bagpipes. I'm not sure even Saddam Hussein deserves that.

Arthur Black Etcetera

Government monopoly reduces quality and choice

(from page 7)

ally, as the government sees 40% of the tax they collect going to auto repairs, they would close up some body shops that did better work at a higher price.

Next, we would have a line up of six months to get our cars fixed. The government insurance company would put a pay cap on the cost of painting a car. Now the body shops would have to buy only the cheapest paint and fillers. Next would come a pay cap that would affect the best body men and painters. How long would it be before our best people would move to the USA so they could receive a market value wage. As this nightmare grows, some of us would blame the provincial or federal governments because they did not put enough money into the sys-

tem. Each government level could blame the other for the problem.

The real problem, as any village idiot could see, is that the government is in conflict by controlling either insurance or the body shops. The only time we are stuck with overpriced, under-quality work is when the government has caused a monopoly!

I hope that most of us can see that it would be immoral for the government to operate the auto insurance business as well as the body shops. I care about my car and would fight to stop this nightmare from happening.

I also care about my body. This is why I was the chairman of the Citizens Committee for Health Care Freedom. We lost the battle to left wing fools who claimed that the government would never control health care, all

they would do is pay for it.

I only wish that the socialists who push nationalized health on us would be the only victims of the line-ups today.

Jim Battarbee,
Minden.

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Sports

OFSAA skiing

The Ontario High Schools Nordic Skiing Championships will be held at Glebe Park in Haliburton this Thursday and Friday

Red Hawks bow to Mustangs, beat Rams

A pair of goals by Blaine Saunders wasn't enough when the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Red Hawks hockey team played host to the Crestwood Mustangs on Wednesday, February 17.

After a scoreless first period, the Mustangs struck first, at the 5:26 mark of the second period. Less than a minute later, the visitors scored again, taking a 2-0 lead into the third frame.

The third period was six minutes and 50 seconds old when the Mustangs notched their third goal. Just 24 seconds later, the Red Hawks finally got on the scoreboard, with Saunders' first goal. Nick Kulas and Dan Jordan assisted.

Crestwood increased its lead to 4-1 a couple of minutes later.

Late in the game, Saunders netted his second of the night, from Josh Shaw and Jordan to end the game's scoring.

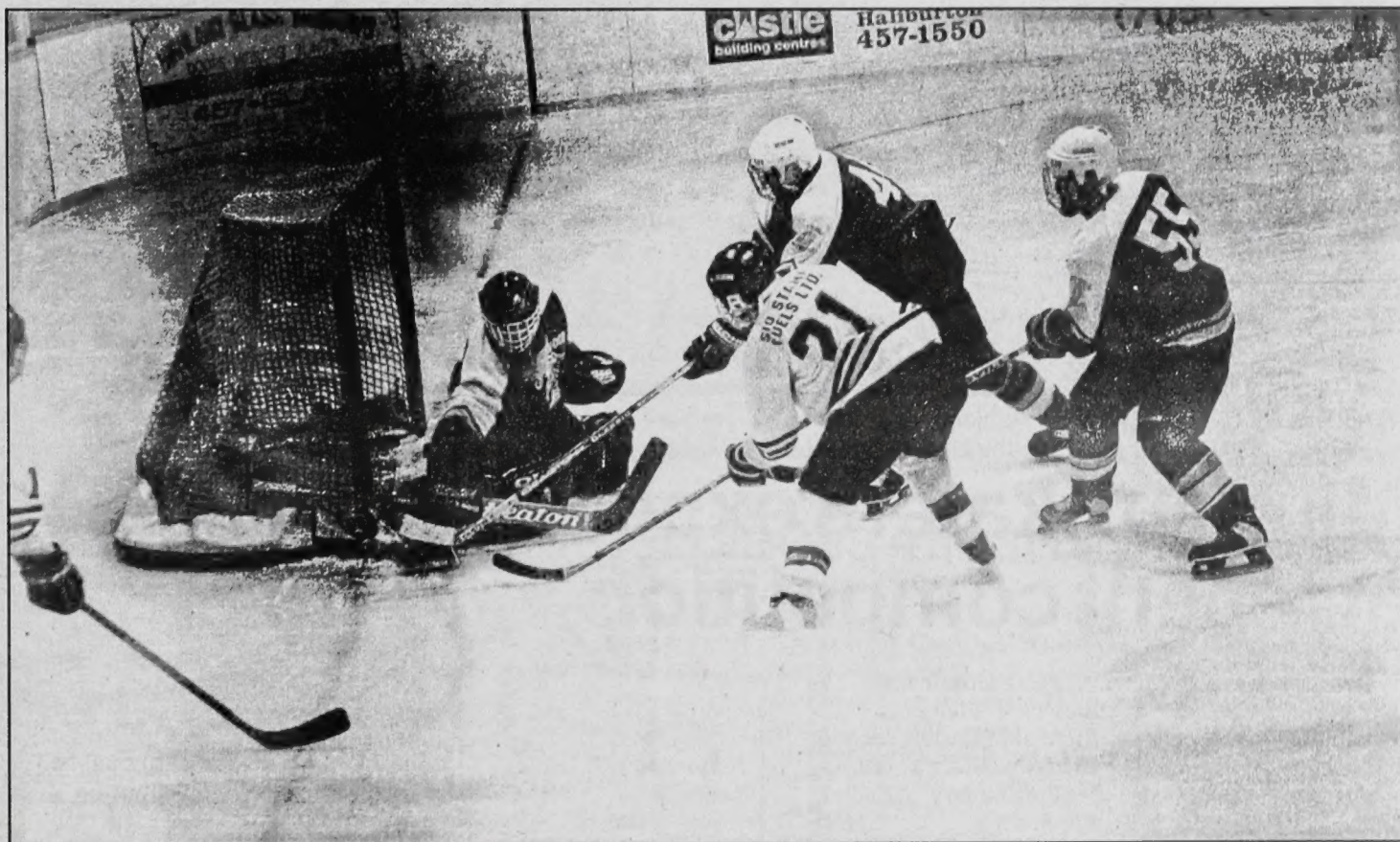
The Red Hawks rebounded from the loss to Crestwood by edging the Kenner Rams 3-2 in Peterborough later in the week.

The Rams drew first blood with the only goal of the first period.

The Red Hawks got back on even terms with an unassisted goal by Gaeten Davis at the 7:00 mark of the second frame. Two minutes later, the Hal High team took a 2-1 lead with a goal by Jason Horsley. Corey Casey assisted.

Kenner got back on even terms before the end of the middle period and the two teams went into the third period knotted at 2-2.

Nick Kulas scored what proved to be the game winner, from Davis and Philip Daniels, late in the game.



HE SCORES!: Blaine Saunders (21) beats Crestwood goaltender Al Winslow in the third period of last Wednesday's game. This was the first of two goals Saunders scored in the 4-2 loss to the Mustangs.

Close games highlight Major Tyke action

It wasn't Minden's day when the Major Tyke Monarchs went to Woodville for a tournament on January 30.

The Monarchs were pitted against a strong team from Keswick in their first encounter of the day. The result was a 3-0 win for Keswick. The Keswick assault got started when the Monarchs were short-handed. In spite of some solid saves by Minden goalie Alex Cray, the opposition took the game.

Minden challenged the host Woodville squad in the next match-up.

The two teams battled to a scoreless draw through the first period.

Woodville scored the only goal of the second frame.

Buoyed by that second-period marker, the Woodville crew came out flying in the third, scoring two more before the Monarchs got on the scoreboard. Ashton Haley was the Minden sniper, scoring while the Monarchs were short-handed, from Matthew Robins, cutting the Woodville lead to 3-1.

The home squad added one more

before the final buzzer sounded for a 4-1 victory.

Port Carling tournament

The Monarchs suffered a similar fate at a tournament in Port Carling on February 13. After being edged 4-3 in the opener, the Monarchs ran into a brick wall in the form of a team from Dundas. The Monarchs came out on the short end of a 5-0 score in their second game.

The opener for Minden took overtime to decide. Coldwater scored three goals in the first period and the Monarchs replied with two. Matthew Robins and Taryn Robins notched the Minden goals. Ashton Haley drew an assist on the second Minden marker.

Kelsey Pierson scored the equalizer for the Monarchs in the second frame. Ryan Smith set up the tying goal. Goalie Alex Cray and defencemen Robby Hicks, Cody Garbutt, Jason Chapman and Joey Findeis played well.

The third period was scoreless,

forcing the game into overtime.

Coldwater broke the deadlock by scoring the game winner.

Taryn Robins was the game's most valuable player, with Minden coaching staff choosing Alex Cray and Joey Findeis as MVPs as well.

Huskies edge Monarchs 5-4

A game in Haliburton on February 6 saw the Monarchs put up a good battle against the Huskies. The game was tied at 4-4 with just seconds left, but the Huskies got the game winner with five seconds showing on the clock.

Minden got on the scoreboard first, with a goal by Kelsey Pierson midway through the first period. Matthew Robins assisted.

The second period was a seesaw battle that saw the lead change hands twice, before ending in a 3-3 draw. Jake Palmer and Craig Mulholland notched one each for Haliburton for a 2-1 Husky lead. Steven Jacob assisted on the go-ahead goal.

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WOODVILLE COMPETITORS: Ashleigh Schollig, Madeline Stewart, Melanie Hawkins, Callie Cowan and Brittany Hicks competed in Woodville recently.

Minden skaters excel at recent competition

The Meet to Skate competition was held at the Minden Arena on the first weekend of February.

The local skaters did exceptionally well.

Following are the results:

Pre-Preliminary Men's Freeskate - Edward Cyr, third.

Canskate Ladies' Freeskate - Kayla Shaw, third; Ashleigh Schollig, fourth; Jessica Pottier, fifth; Steffy Mackenzie, third; Brittany Hicks, fourth; Melanie Hawkins, fifth; Callie Cowan sixth.

Pre-Preliminary "A" Ladies' Freeskate - Stephanie Foster, fifth.

Pre-Preliminary Ladies' Elements - Stephanie Foster, second; Brittany Hicks, seventh.

Preliminary Ladies' Elements - Katlyn Hewson, sixth.

Preliminary Ladies' "A" Freeskate - Katlyn Hewson, seventh.

Pre-Preliminary "B" Ladies' Freeskate - Maddie Mackenzie, sixth.

Preliminary Men's Elements - Edward Cyr, fourth.

Preliminary "B" Ladies' Freeskate - Cindy Malloy, fourth.

Senior Bronze Ladies' Freeskate - Keegan Mackenzie, first.

Junior Bronze Ladies'

Freeskate - Nicole Perreault, fifth; Vanessa Davis, seventh.

Junior Bronze Ladies' elements - Nicole Perreault, sixth.

Juvenile Ladies' Freeskate - Kourtney Matysek, ninth.

Junior Silver Ladies' Freeskate - Jasmine Wilson, sixth.

Novice Ladies' Short Freeskate - Kerri Matysek, sixth.



MEET TO SKATE: Competitors in the Meet To Skate competition included, front row, left to right: Edward Cyr, Ashleigh Schollig, Steffy Mackenzie and Jessica Pottier. Second row (l to r): Kourtney Matysek, Katlyn Hewson, Stephanie Foster, Melanie Hawkins, Callie Cowan and Brittany Hicks. Back row (l to r): Jasmine Wilson, Keegan Mackenzie, Nicole Perreault, Kerri Matysek and Cindy Malloy.

Monarchs bow to Huskies

Haliburton's Atom B Huskies came to Minden for game four of the playoff series. The Huskies were looking to finish off the Monarchs in four straight.

Minden got on the scoreboard first, near the middle of the second period, when Steve Draker took a pass from Jason

Lougheed and beat Haliburton goalie Adam Trueman.

The Huskies responded with two before the second period ended for a 2-1 lead. Dylan Metcalfe and Kevin Crofts were the snipers. Jamie Timbers assisted on the second Haliburton marker.

The Huskies added one more unanswered goal in the third to clinch the win and the series. Metcalfe netted his second of the game, assisted by James Jowett.

While the Huskies advance in the championship round, the Monarchs are waiting to enter the consolation round.

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GOLD DANCE: Kerri Matysek was honoured for passing her gold dance test at Fenelon Falls recently. Minden Skating Club President Paul Perreault congratulates her for her accomplishment.

Kerri Matysek passes Gold Dance test

One of the greatest achievements in figure skating is to pass a gold test. Years of hard work and determination are necessary for a skater to succeed.

In the past, four disciplines of skating had to be mastered, ranging from the Preliminary levels, through Junior and Senior Bronze, Junior and Senior Silver and on to the gold level in free

skating, figures, artistic and dance. Figures have recently been removed, leaving three disciplines.

Kerri Matysek passed her gold test in the dance category on February 9 at the Fenelon Falls test day. With only one dance test left on that day, she passed with flying colours.

Kerri has been a competitive skater with the Minden Skating Club for

10 years.

Kerri's coach Lisa Allore, the Matysek family and club members are proud of her success.

Monarchs' rally falls short

The Novice B Monarchs hockey team started playoffs in Haliburton on February 13.

The Huskies got on the scoreboard first, but Minden was quick to respond with a goal by Colin Callaghan. Zachary Pierson and Ryan Kerr assisted.

Haliburton got the only goal of the second period, for a 2-1 lead.

Todd Simms scored for Minden in the third, from Jared Mills and Derek Nesbitt. A goal by Mills put the Monarchs in front by a 3-2 count. Davis Reynolds and Nesbitt assisted.

The Huskies came right back with two in a row to take over the lead at 4-3.

With just over three minutes to go, Callaghan scored the tying goal on a solo effort.

Minden goaltender Mike Toye came up with some big saves late in the game to preserve the tie.

The second game of the playoffs was in Minden against the Cannington II team.

After a scoreless first frame, Cannington came to life in the second, putting three in a row past Toye.

The third saw Cannington increase its lead to 4-0.

With just over seven minutes left, the situation looked hopeless for the Monarchs.

But they didn't give up. Derek Nesbitt scored with 4:20 left, to break the Cannington shutout. Then, a couple of minutes later, Jared Mills scored, cutting the Cannington lead to 4-2. Zachary Pierson assisted on the Mills goal.

With the Minden goalie sitting on the bench in favour of an extra attacker, Nesbitt scored his second goal of the game. But with just six seconds left, the Monarchs ran out of time and Cannington held on for the 4-3 win.

Lester places 4th at Nordcan 250

Eighteen year-old Luke Lester of Minden, racing in his first year of Canadian Snowcross Racing Association (CSRA) Semi-Pro competition, scored a Pro Division fourth overall in the Nordcan 250 Cross Country Race, held at Hearst on the weekend of February 13 and 14. Only two CSRA Pro riders and one local Pro competitor carded faster times. Luke's finish saw him top the CSRA Semi-Pro ranks for the first time this year and earn first-place Semi-Pro CSRA points.

Saturday's race was run under clear skies and minus 19-C temperatures. The 200 plus mile course was laid out over some of the most challenging terrain riders had seen this season. Two laps of the course were required to complete the race, which saw the top finishers log race times of just over four hours.

Wide open pipeline straightaways, which demanded speeds in excess of 160 kilometres per hour were contrasted by treacherous, tight woods running and brutally rough river bed sections, which quickly developed huge moguls and bumps. The course claimed more than half of the entries with mechanical and crash-related incidents.

Luke's Polaris XCR 440 SP ran superbly throughout the race and his Indy Edge survived the course in top condition, while giving Polaris its highest finish at this prestigious annual event.

Luke Lester credits his pit crew members who expertly handled fueling and checked his sled during the stops. The crew includes: Chief Jeff Babineau, Kent Lester, AJ Lester, Richard Hiley, John Arkwright, Jeff Martin, John Hildebrandt and Mark Lester.



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Haliburton to host OFSAA ski competition

Three years of hard work will bear final fruit this week from Wednesday to Friday. The 1999 OFSAA Nordic Championships will be held Thursday and Friday, February 25 and 26.

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School will send 17 athletes to these championships and over 600 skiers are expected. The Haliburton Ski Club wishes good luck to all participants. Of course, none of this could happen without the diligence of the volunteers who have contributed thousands of hours of hard work to the maintenance and development of the trails and the organization of the race. Since OFSAA 1998 and 1999 were awarded to HHSS four

years ago, close to five kilometres of trails have been added to the competition site, existing trails have been upgraded, and the clubhouse has been refurbished. The Ski Club wishes to thank the municipality of Dysart et al for its continuing support of amateur sport and skiing in Haliburton County.

For interested spectators, the individual competitions will be held on Thursday the 25th. Keep a sharp eye for top local performers -- the Heyes sisters, Matt Hindman, who will be racing "up" in the Junior Boys category, Steph Ratz and Amy Ellis.

Haliburton also qualified teams in the Senior Girls, Senior Boys and Jun-

ior Boys categories for the team relays, held on Sunday, February 28 at Moosewoods Trail Centre. There are a variety of categories and distances for all ages and ability levels including a 1.3 km Jackrabbit race for the youngest skiers. This race has always had friendly family-oriented atmosphere and great snacks. For many skiers, it is their one competitive outing for the year.

These relays are exciting for spectators because of the strong sense of team spirit and the mad cheering. Last year, Lockerbie Secondary from Sudbury was the team to beat and so there are plenty of strong teams that will be challenging for the top spot.

As the largest school age ski event in North America, the OFSAA championships have traditionally been a stepping stone to Canada's national junior team, so, for the more serious athletes, this is a very important competition. On the fun side of competition, the Moosewoods Loppet will be

Nordic Notes

by Blake Paton

Finally, congratulations to all who participated in the 1999 edition of the Keskinada Loppet in Ottawa. This column is being composed on a laptop computer en route to the race; watch for results in next week's column.



VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS: Ridgewood Public School Intermediate Boys volleyball team came out on top in a recent tournament. The team includes in the back, from the left, Coach Wesselink, Sam McNaul, Ian Watson, Cory Grant, Mike Janke, Mike Dean. In the front are Allan Francis, Shane Rankin, Sean Richardson and Travis Magee.

Ridgewood wins county title

by Cory Grant and Allan Francis
of the Ridgewood Press Club

Game Point. We won! That is how it went for some of the Ridgewood volleyball teams. The junior mixed, intermediate boys and intermediate girls teams practiced very hard early in the mornings and during school hours since December. When it came time for the zone tournaments which were held on January 21, all three teams played their best.

The junior mixed and intermediate girls showed good sportsmanship and teamwork, but unfortunately did not go on to the county meet. The other teams that played in the zone tournaments were Bobcaygeon, Dunsford and Langton.

As for the intermediate boys, they played hard and placed second at the zone. They kept practicing and went on to play at the county on January 28.

There were five other teams at the tournament including Rolling Hills, Central Senior, Langton, Lady Mackenzie and

Fenelon Township.

Ridgewood played well in the round robin and was one of the four that went on to the semi-finals. Ridgewood played hard against Langton and won, to go on to the finals. Central Senior, which had won its game against Rolling Hills, was also in the finals. Central Senior and Ridgewood both played well, but Ridgewood came out on top. Ridgewood came home triumphantly with the county plaque.

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High triple: Kelly Berry 482; Matt Reinwald 587

High triple (handicap): Lesley Cox 581; Jeff Mickle 656

Senior

High average: Elizabeth Goldenberg 153; Trevor Clement 182

High single: Elizabeth Goldenberg 175; Trevor Clement 182

High single (handicap): Elizabeth Goldenberg 213; Scott Philip 226

High triple: Elizabeth Goldenberg 452; Trevor Clement 470

High triple (handicap): Elizabeth Goldenberg 556; Ronald Stevens 612

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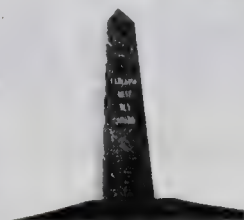
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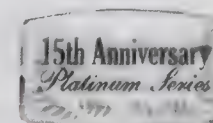


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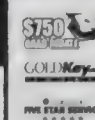


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KAWARTHA WEST CHAMPIONS: These four curlers will represent HHSS at the Kawartha play-off this Wednesday in Fenelon Falls. Team members include, clock-wise from the upper left, vice Mark Comeau, lead Ryan Sisson, skip Jason Scott and second Trevor Cole.

Bonspiel season is here

by Sandy Cole

Yes it's bonspiel season and Minden has been well represented this past week.

On February 10, the senior men's team of skip Ted Wilkes, vice Dave McKay, second Jack Taylor and lead Todd Grainger travelled to Haliburton to compete in the 16th annual Stinson Memorial Bonspiel. This team, which placed second in this event last year, was hoping to dethrone last year's winners from Port Perry and have their names proudly displayed on the trophy in the Haliburton Club. As it turned out, the Minden team faced Port Perry in its last draw and the win gave the Minden team the first place spot, with an overall score of 37½ points.

On February 12 and 13, three Minden ladies teams travelled to Wilberforce for the annual Valentines Bonspiel. This 'spiel is always loads of fun, friendship, good times and great food. Twelve teams faced off, playing three games apiece over the two days. The Minden teams placed first, second and third for the weekend event. The first place team included skip Cheryl Murdoch, vice Carol Puffer, second M.J. Irwin and lead Sandy Cole. The second place went to the team of Melanie Vigrass, Carol Alain, Sheila Woodcroft, and Theresa Verrier. In third spot was the team of Dana Kinsman, Audrey MacMartin, Patti Bronson and Doreen Kellestine. Many thanks go out to Eloise for your hospitality and Zelda and Jean for your support.

You still have time to get your team registered for Minden's annual Straw and Stone Mixed Bonspiel, to be held on March 5 and 6. This is a great bonspiel. You are bound to have a won-

derful time with curling, costumes, fellowship and a super pot luck dinner. Sign up sheet is at the club or call Zelda at 286-2615.

Congratulations go out to Jason Scott, Mark Comeau, Trevor Cole and Ryan Sisson who took top spot in the Kawartha West High School Curling Playdowns, February 17. These four young men are active in the Minden Curling Club junior program as well as the regular curling club. They will proudly represent Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on February 24 in Fenelon Falls in the Kawartha play-offs which is the next level of this competition. The team thanks HHSS, Mr. Ron Stackhouse, Mr. Bob Johnson, Curry Motors, Minden Curling Club, Haliburton Curling Club, and Sandy Cole for their support and encouragement.

LEAGUE SCORES for February 11 to 16

Thursday Night Mixed

Pat Woodcroft 7, Paul Prentice 3
Melanie Vigrass 8, Gail Grainger 3
Ted Wilkes 7, Sharon Kernohan 3
Alf Trotter 10, Sandy Cole 3

Friday Night Mixed

Bill Roodenburg 8, Frank Franzen 8
Sharon Kernohan 6, Zelda Cooper 0
Brian Cross 6, Cheryl Murdoch 5

Monday Night Ladies

Melanie Vigrass 10, Pat Woodcroft 2
M.J. Irwin 11, Dana Kinsman 6
Zelda Cooper 6, Pat Campbell 6

Tuesday Night Men's

Paul Prentice 11, Russ Duhaime 0
Alf Trotter 9, Dave McAdam 5
Bill Roodenburg 8, Dwight Thomas 4



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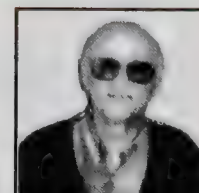
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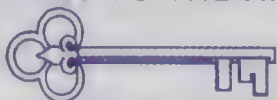
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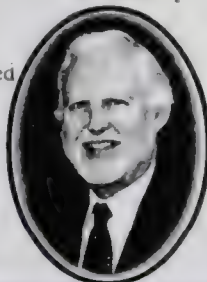
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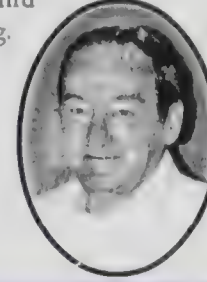
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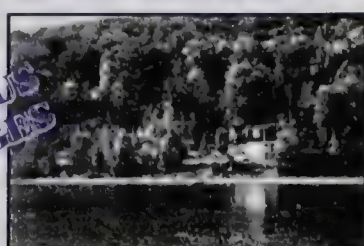
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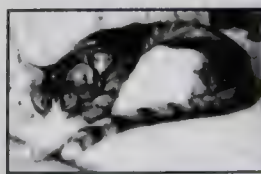


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Meghan Shaw (left) competed in both the Meet To Skate in Minden and Woodville. Maddie Mackenzie was a Meet To Skate competitor.

Cathy Snell rolls 375

Legion 636 Mixed League

High average: Leitha Kuchalema 172; Fred Knight 189
High single: Joanne Brown 215; Pat Scadden 278
High single (handicap): Joanne Brown 280; Pat Scadden 324
High triple: Carlie McDonald 517; Jim Hindle 617
High triple (handicap): Lois Adamson 779; Pat Scadden 740

Monday Night Mixed League

High average: Michelle Moore 197; Scott Moore 229
High single: Michelle Moore 249; Al Clement 305
High single (POA): Michelle Moore +53; Al Clement +113
High triple: Michelle Moore 704; Scott Moore 807
High triple (POA): Michelle Moore +116; Scott Moore +126

Tuesday Afternoon Seniors' League

High average: Theresa Fox 178; Bob Bullen 208
High single: Theresa Fox 228; Bob Bullen 228
High single (handicap): Rose Connaughan 274; Vince Connaughan 248
High triple: Eleanor Young 567; Bob Bullen 593
High triple (handicap): Rose Connaughan 725; Vince Connaughan 705

Tuesday Night Mixed League

High average: Cathy Snell 232; Alex Little 220
High single: Cathy Snell 375; Len Punt

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High single (handicap): Cathy Snell 375; Len Punt Jr. 297
High triple: Cathy Snell 831; Len Punt Jr. 674
High triple (handicap): Cathy Snell 831; Len Punt Jr. 729

Wednesday Night Men's League

High average: Scott Moore 239
High single: Walt Stegmaier 258
High single (handicap): Scott Moore 261
High triple: Eric Burk 677
High triple (handicap): Addie Dykstra 712

Thursday Afternoon Seniors' League

High average: Edith Alzner 168; Addie Dykstra 198
High single: Edith Alzner 227; Ray Lymer 249
High single (handicap): Edith Alzner 273; John Irwin 299
High triple: Edith Alzner 549; Ray Lymer 625
High triple (handicap): Janice Hughes 689; Ray Lymer 695

Thursday Night Mixed League (February 11)

High average: Marlene Robinson 190; Walt Stegmaier 220
High single: Marlene Robinson 237; Walt Stegmaier 288
High single (handicap): Tracey Morrison 252; Walt Stegmaier 292
High triple: Joan Rivard 564; Walt Stegmaier 714
High triple (handicap): Gloria Wagg 683; Dan Chumby 769

Tykes compete in two tournaments

(from page 9)

Minden rebounded with two in a row to regain the lead at 3-2. Jason Chapman and Matthew Robins were the Minden sharpshooters, with JJ Kerr picking up an assist.

Before the period ended, Jake Palmer scored his second of the game for Haliburton, tying the game at 3-3.

Four minutes into the third, Brady Yavis put the Huskies in front by a 4-3 count. Palmer and Jacob assisted.

Taryn Robins scored Minden's fourth goal with 3:45 remaining in the game and it was all tied up at 4-4. Ashton Haley assisted on the equalizer.

With five seconds left in the third period, Jake Palmer scored the game winner for Haliburton. Mulholland assisted.

Paddy Manuge was hot in the Minden net, stopping a barrage of pucks.

Robby Hicks and Kelsey Pierson were cho-

sen players of the game by the Minden coaching staff.

'Caygeon 6, Minden 2

The Monarchs gave the visiting Bobcaygeon team a Valentine's Day gift. They sent the 'Caygeon crew home with a 6-2 win for their efforts on February 14.

By the end of the second period, Bobcaygeon had built a comfortable 4-1 lead. Taryn Robins scored the Minden goal, from Matthew Robins and Joey Findeis.

Bobcaygeon added two more in the third for a 6-1 lead. But the Monarchs got the game's last goal in the dying seconds. Matthew Robins was the sniper, from Taryn Robins and Joey Findeis.

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In the Guiding and Scouting world today is Thinking Day

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February 22 is Thinking Day, a day when the Girl Guide Movement and the Boy Scout Movement, throughout the world, celebrates interna-

COSSA Cross-Country Ski results

The following are the standings for HHSS students taking part in the COSSA Cross-Country Ski competition, hosted this past week by the local high school:

Girls Classic: 4. Cheri Huck.

Midget Girls: 2. Tina Costeloe; 3. Kate Foulds.

Midget Boys: 1. Matt Hindman; 2. Steve Johnson; 3. Ryan Hutson.

Junior Girls: 3. Carrie Heyes; 7. Liz Brown; 13. Kelly Ketner; 14. Lindsay Robertson; 16. Erica Ainsley; 22. Erin Fearrey.

Junior Boys: 12. Chris Ratz; 13. Geoff Meyers.

Senior Girls: 2. Ainsley Hayes; 5. Steph Ratz; 6. Amy Ellis; 8. Kristi Bowskill-Bolin; 14. Alison Kennedy.

Senior Boys: 12. Ryan O'Neill; 16. Brock Ladurantaye; 21. John Heffer; 28. Adam Bathe

Thalia's Voice calls for women performers

Women across the Highlands and beyond are making themselves heard in order to compete in the regional contests for this spring's Thalia's Voice Women's Festival of Music and the Arts. The organizers of the event are now accepting submissions from vocalists, musicians and spoken word artists.

The Lillith Fair-inspired festival, celebrating women in the arts, will showcase both local women, as well as artists from some of Ontario's major centres. The name Thalia's Voice is derived from the Greek muse of music, Thalia, one of nine muses representing creative inspiration.

The fair, which will be held in Minden, May 21 to 23, will also feature workshops at the Kinark Outdoor Centre, artisan displays and a cabaret. Child care will be provided at the Minden Community Centre and several local artisans will open the

(more on page 19)

tional friendship, promoting an appreciation of the uniqueness and similarities of others.

The fact that both Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, the creators of the guiding and scouting movements, shared this birthdate made it an easy day for remembrance of two very special people. The global movement which they initiated, to this day remains strong. The

aim to help young people become responsible citizens, able to give leadership and service to the community, at local, national and global levels has not faltered in the 90 years since its inception.

Naturally the movements have had to change with the changing society to keep current with modern technology and global expansion, but the

challenge to acquire one more new skill, do one more good turn in the community, have one more kind thought and prayer in building self-esteem lives on.

So, present and former members of Guiding and Scouting, I challenge you all, to think on February 22.... think of the good times you have shared with your unit, of

new friendships and contact you have made through the movements, of the personal gains you have developed by taking up the challenge, and may your thoughts join with thousands of others in the spirit of Guiding and Scouting as it spreads far and wide throughout the world. Let us celebrate the dream of our founders!

FOR THOSE OF YOU IN THE DARK ABOUT THE UPCOMING
CHANGES IN THE ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY, TURN THE PAGE.

Discovering school is more than books and learning

by Andrea Hughes, HHSS student reporter

Hello, it's Andrea, the school reporter who doesn't do such a great job of reporting school news.

School is school, basically, academics, books and learning, but the thing that actually makes it good is the people who are there. How many people would go to school daily if it weren't for their friends? Knowledge is good. Books are good. But truthfully, school is made better by the people who are there.

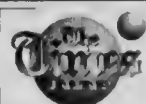
Okay, so tonight (as I'm writing this, it is Thursday, February 18th) was one of the Thalia's Voice Coffee Houses, and I'm honestly left feeling like I know some of the greatest people in the world. Most of the people attending this coffeehouse were organizers or volunteers of some sort. Most people are involved because they happen to be interested in music

in some way, or they just want to help and have fun. So, those attending, in no particular order, were; Kim Harding (and her younger brother and sister who sang us Celine Dion and Aerosmith), Helen Harris, Allison Kennedy, Amanda McClenaghan, Jenn Orpana, Micah Smith, Graeme Fawcett, Dan & John Craig, Doogan Ryan, Kim Mulholland, Trina Howe, Shannon McGuire, Kristi & Jana Bowskill-Bolin, and Ian McKenzie. Anyway, the concert formalities fell away and the room ended up in a giant jam and singing session, featuring guitars, spoons, drums, bongos, tambourines, maraccas and an array of vocals and bangy things.

It was just one of those times when you're so glad to know the people that you know. So yeah, I've met a lot of people through school (okay, this is the only way I can relate this article to school, anyone who's

read this far has realized that). Things are just really fun when everyone stops caring and lets things go, plays music and doesn't worry about whether they sound good or not. Sometimes you just realize how important it is to be and have fun.

So, I was inspired. Next week I'll write about something relating to the school, I promise. Tonight, I just don't feel like it. I'm busy appreciating everyone I know.

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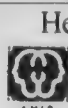
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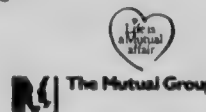
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February meeting

Minden Women's Institute remembers Jeanne Sears

by Mary Cox

President Jean Cox welcomed eleven members and their guests to the February 17 meeting of the Minden Women's Institute at the Library/Cultural Centre.

She conducted a short memorial service for Jeanne Sears. Everyone shared their fondest memories of Jeanne with us.

The roll call was answered, each telling, "What we owe our pioneers". Several thank you cards were read. February

is Women's Institute Month, and the W.I. is 102 years old on February 19.

Irene Moore reported sending eight cards over the last month. Collections for this and pennies for friendship were taken.

Jean Cox then read a summary of events for 1998, which brought back many memories and this will be put in the

Tweedsmuir book.

The Agricultural Convenor, Shirley Cox was away, so her daughter Kim Lefroy introduced the speaker, Jean Tyler. She and her husband Godfrey own Waverly Brook farm, which is a community shared agricultural project. They started this in 1994 and now have many shareholders who

are able to have fresh vegetables through the summer. This is organic produce, as they restore nutrients to the soil by adding humus and do not use pesticides. She was thanked by Kim and the usual applause after handing out several pamphlets.

Following adjournment, the lunch committee served snacks

and a cup of tea. The winners of the two draws were Nancy and Freda. Our next meeting is March 7 at 1:30 p.m. at the Library/Cultural Centre. Bette Herlihey, convenor, will have a special speaker.

Several members are coming from the Norland W.I. and all ladies are welcome to join us for this special St. Patrick's Day meeting.

Thalia's Voice

(from page 17)

doors to their studios for a guided bus tour. Musicians will perform in the finalists' concert on the Friday evening, and if selected will be showcased the following evening with the Cindy Church Trio, Head in the Clouds and Zoe Chilco.

The concept for Thalia's Voice came from Heather McLeod and Kim Harding. Both women felt that this type of showcase concert would be an excellent opportunity to gather creative women from across the province in a celebration of music and art. As well, some proceeds of the event will go to a fund to re-open Women's Emergency House, the county's only women's shelter, that was closed in the spring of 1998.

Submissions from female musicians and spoken word artists are now being received by festival organizers. The call for submissions has also gone out to Toronto, Peterborough, Kingston and Ottawa. Artists who are interested in submitting a sample of their work are asked to send a cassette of up to ten minutes in length. All artists must submit original material. Press kits, promotional material or compact discs will not be accepted. All submissions must be received no later than 8 p.m. on February 23. There are also forms available to artists and organizations interested in setting up a booth during the festival.

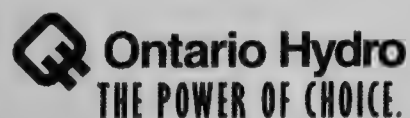
Once the submissions have been received, a panel of judges will select the finalists. For more information on sending in submissions artists are asked to contact Kim at 286-2512, Andrea at 286-6160, or call Heather at 1-888-898-7349. There will also be additional information available at the festival website,

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The tax cuts have also helped increase provincial

revenues, allowing our government to surpass its own deficit reduction targets. Ontario continues to be on track to balance the budget by the year 2000-2001.

Despite these accomplishments, the job is not done - there is still more to do. Ontario's unemployment rate is at the lowest point in eight years, but too many people are still looking for work. Provincial income taxes are lower, and the take home pay is higher, but too many families are working harder and harder,

just to make ends meet.

During the last three years, our province has started to pull itself back on track. It has taken strong leadership by our government. But mostly, it has taken hard work and sacrifices by the people of Victoria and Haliburton counties, and all across Ontario. We can't go backwards. We can't afford to go back to the days of politicians who lacked the courage to make the tough decisions that put taxpayers first. We can't afford the tax-and-spend governments that take the easy way out.

Now is the time for all of us to reap the benefits of this opportunity for growth. The construction of the Lindsay jail will be beginning soon, this will bring jobs to the area, but this alone is not enough. Other construction will be happening in the months ahead, but there is still more to be done.

We need to keep the local jobs that we have in our community. We have to replace the jobs that have been lost in the past months. We must work together to make our community more and more attractive to businesses, so that they will want to locate here.

I can assure you, that the Harris government and I will hold fast to the goal of making Ontario families better off and more secure, with greater hope and opportunity.

Queen's Park Report

by Chris Hodgson, MPP



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"From rising deficits to balanced books; from an increasing debt burden to one that is declining; from years of difficult cuts to an era where needed new investments are being made; From a tax burden that was rising to a time where it is falling: that is the summary of this budget," stated Finance Minister Paul Martin.

"The 1999 Federal Budget marks a passage to a new era for Canada. We are building on the hard work and sacrifices all Canadians made to put our nation's finances back in order. Now is the time of new investment and new optimism as we devote ourselves to the priorities of Canadians. Together we will continue to strengthen and fortify our quality of life with a strong and productive economy, equal opportunities for all and a safety net for those in need," stated Mr. O'Reilly.

The 1998 budget represents this government's largest investment ever:

"The decisions we are announcing today are about much more than dollars and cents. They are about a

fundamental choice Canadians have made about the kind of society in which we want to live." Finance Minister Paul Martin stated in the budget speech.

Increases

- The budget invests in medicare by increasing transfers to provinces and territories. Over the next five years they will receive an additional \$11.5 billion specifically for health care. This represents the largest single new investment this government has ever made.

- Of this amount, \$8 billion will be provided through future-year increases in the Canada Health and Social Trans-

fer (CHST) and \$3.5 billion as an immediate one-time supplement to the CHST from funds available this fiscal year.

- However, individual provinces and territories could draw down the supplement over the next three years in a pattern which best meets the needs of their health care systems.

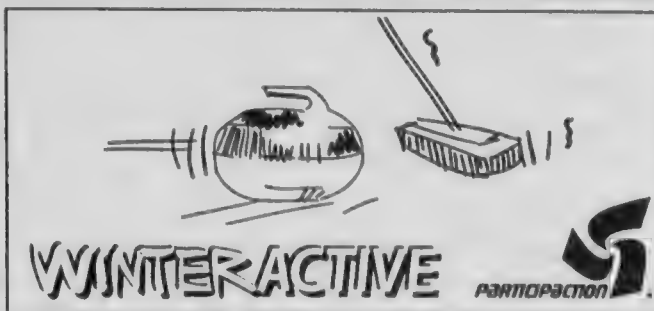
- The \$2.5 billion increases CHST cash from \$12.5 billion to \$15 billion and takes what is regarded as the health component of the CHST as high as it was before the period of expenditure restraint of the mid-1990s.

- The budget also strengthens the federal government's contribution to Canada's health system and the health of Canadians by investing close to \$1.4 billion over the remainder of this fiscal year and the next three years through several initiatives.

- Combined with the \$6.5-billion cash increase in the CHST over the next three years, the \$1.4 billion invested in these activities means a total of \$7.9 billion in new resources for health over the remainder of this fiscal year and the next three years.

Ottawa report

by John O'Reilly, MP



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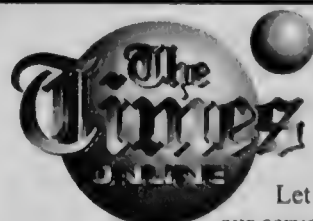
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The program was started in 1993 in Haliburton, when Al Gostock, of the local chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation, organized a group of people to walk each morning in the high school. "Both my late wife and I had heart conditions and we felt that we needed the exercise," said Gostock. "It's great to walk inside, out of the winter weather where you freeze your buns off and fall down seven or eight times."

The group in Haliburton has been popular since then, with many people strutting their stuff each morning before school over the last five years. The program idea was picked up in Minden and has enjoyed sporadic success over the last few years.

Currently there are three walkers using the facility. Morris Duff and Ruth and Dalton Flatt can be seen briskly walking the halls at Archie Stouffer each morning. Duff has mapped out a route measuring how many miles the walkers accomplish after each day.

"It's nice to know what you have accomplished," said Ruth Flatt, who drives into Minden from Lutterworth Pines each day. She and her husband have been walking since December. All of the walkers trek at least one or two miles every morning. The distance covered by each walker is noted. Since the



IN FOR THEIR MORNING WALK: Morris Duff (forefront) and Ruth & Dalton Flatt enjoy their morning walk through the halls of Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden.

Flatts have joined, in addition to the miles they have walked, both have lost over five pounds and feel very energetic.

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Hello everyone. How was your week? We must tell you about ours. Our tea party last Thursday was very much enjoyed. The Minden A.C.W. were our hosts and provided us with a lovely tea. Our thanks to them.

The big highlight of our week was our Valentines family dinner that took place on Friday, February 12. What a great get together it was. The auditorium was crowded with residents and family members.

The first thing one noticed when entering was how beautifully decorated everything was. Some of the decorations were made by our craft group and others by our activity staff. Cupids, streamers, hearts and balloons on every table along with floral decorations. Our menu consisted of Chicken Cordon Bleu, baked potatoes, with sour cream and vegetables and last, but not least, a wonderful dessert consisting of caramel apple pie with whipped cream. Doesn't that sound yummy? Well it was. To top all this we were entertained by the Candlelight Combo, (Don Wright and his group), who provided us with some lovely music. All in all, a very festive occasion. So many attended that some of us ate in the dining room, but that's okay as it was just as beautifully decorated as the auditorium. We send our thanks to everyone who made this occasion so special. We will be talking about this for some time to come.

Bill Payne visited us Saturday afternoon with some family members. His daughter, along with her son and daughter. We gathered in the lounge to enjoy their music. Bill was joined on guitar by his grandson who also plays guitar, and Bill's daughter sang with them. Also joining in were Peter and Paul, our canaries. We really enjoyed this visit and appreciate Bill and family for spending time with us. Thank you. Af-

terwards we tucked into some ice cream. We always have room for ice cream.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Jack Durnford on February 13, in his 84th year. Our condolences to his family and friends.

On Sunday afternoon a large crowd turned out for chapel service with Pastor Dan Millard. It was just great to have a

chapel service on a Sunday again.

The following day Janet provided us with a great subject for discussion, "love and marriage". We certainly enjoyed ourselves as we remembered our own wedding days. Quite a few of us gathered along with Reverend Davis for Tuesday morning chapel. Later on that day the craft group met. We're sure they are now working on items for St. Patrick's Day. Our pub night, last night, was hosted by Everett. Thank you Everett. We enjoyed ourselves.

Another week gone. Peggy Packer is baking again, with some help from Marg. This morning it is oatmeal chocolate chip crisps and bread pudding. We can vouch for the cookies. We sampled them and they are delicious. Also taking place this morning is our euchre group. Quite a few turned out for this today. This afternoon's tea party is scheduled to be hosted by the Stanhope Seniors.

Before we go we must mention the beautiful load of oranges sent to us by Dot and Bob. Just delicious.

Hope you all have a good week. In the meantime, keep smiling. We love to see smiling faces.

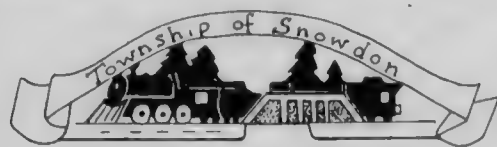
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Around the County Town

by Nora Snyder (call 286-4450 or fax 286-4425)

It is hard to find things to write about in a weekly column in the dead of winter. I've racked my brain. I phoned an organization I want to write about and they said they would get back to me. I asked Jack Brezina. He suggested the weather and the rising water in the river. I've done that.

It is also hard to find things when your interest in life is rather tenuous. Nothing much stirs the blood. That's how I was feeling at the beginning of last week. Blah!! A friend called and instead of answering her question of how I was, with, "I am fine", I answered truthfully, and said "I am in the doldrums".

I know, in a previous article I said I didn't want to write about the bad days, but I would like to share how owning my dark mood and speaking of it, seems to dissipate it. This lifting of the darkness after speaking of it happens over and over again. But more than that, the message seems to get out into the universe and good things start happening.

After my friend's call, during which we had agreed to go to the Pancake Supper (which was delicious) at St. Paul's Anglican Church, someone else called booking in here in March. Another friend called whom I hadn't talked to for ages. When I got the mail there was a long letter from another friend...it goes on and on. I have learned that when I am being truthful with myself about how I am feeling, and when I let life happen, good things start coming in. I should track it because I know that when I am down, the phone stops ringing and when I turn the corner and feel better, the phone rings again. The channels seem to open up to life. For what it is worth.....

Last week I enjoyed the roast beef dinner at Zion United in Carnarvon and the pancakes at St. Paul's. It is so good to be part of a community. I have never lived in a place as small as Minden but I knew before I got here that this place would suit me. It does. I love going to the Post Office and usually knowing some of the others there. I love being on the main street and meeting a friend or acquaintance. All part of the good feeling inside...belonging. I know you are all doing the things that you are part of and sharing them with your friends and families, things that are a part of your heritage in this area, the old and the new, all in this place we

call home.

Over in Lochlin, they finished making up seven sleeping bags and delivering them to the Salvation Army to be given out to the homeless on Toronto streets. Every year this group gathers old blankets, ties, etc., and makes up the bags as their contribution to helping those in need. The bags are given out nightly to the Toronto street people and collected in the morning to be cleaned and ready for others the next night. The Lochlin community needs to be recognized for the good work they are doing!! Every act of kindness helps. I just read a quote of Mary Daly, "Why indeed must "God" be a noun? Why not a verb- the most active and dynamic of all?" The work of the Lochlin folks is certainly active and dynamic.

Have a good week!! Keep the spirits up!!

SCORING NEWS

St. Paul's Friendship Club enjoyed a Pot Luck Lunch last Monday. Anne Richmond decorated the tables beautifully for Valentines Day. Now Anne is a kind person who quite regularly goes beyond the call of duty to be a loving, helpful friend to many. We are lucky to have Anne as a part of our community.

Katie Parker was also shown how much she is appreciated by the group when they presented her with a Valentine gift. Katie was very touched by their generosity. Good cards for the day too. Pat Bailey won the 50/50 draw. Isabel Cherwenka took lone hands. High man was Jeanne Keliele and Katie Parker was high woman. Bill Mosley took low. There was a special Valentine Surprise won by Jeanne Keliele.

Also last Monday, but in the evening, they played Cribbage at the Minden Legion. High scorers were Ruth Kellett and Marcel Roussel. Jean Scadden, Pat Scadden, Joey Hewley and Bill DeGuier won the four draws. Everyone is welcome to come out and play cribbage on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m., at the Legion whether you are a member or not!!

On Tuesday, February 16, the seniors played Bid Euchre and enjoyed a gorgeous birthday cake baked by Ellie Langpohl for Jack Chilton and Irene Fuhr. Apparently Ellie's baking is re-

ally something!! There were also seven full tables of bid euchre players which made for a fun afternoon. The top scorers were Isabel Cherwenka, Anne Baker, Mary Colman and Ken Young. Kay Smith won the hidden score. Len Kroes, Ellie Langpohl, Pat Scadden and Ken Young won the moonshots.

Ken Wallace won the 50/50 draw playing Euchre again this week at Club 35!! Ken's on a roll!! Merv Bunker won lone hands. Verna Sawyer was high woman and Bill Cowen was high man. The lows were Olive Jones and Wally Harpur. Murray Daniels took the baloney.

On February 11, at the Minden Legion, playing Euchre, Verna McDonald and Tod Edgson took most lone hands. Marie Tschida and Jim Bradbury were high scorers. Vi Edgson and Pat Bailey were low. Norm Lee, Carol Hill and Iris Taylor took the other prizes.

From Stanhope, here are the Bid Euchre scores. Top scorer was Muriel Harrington with 335; second Stan Hill with 316; Marcel Roussel, 281; Rob Evans, 276; Ken Wallace, 274 (there is Ken again!!); Marj Hamilton found the Hidden Score of 247. Marcel Roussel, Rob Evans, June Branning each had a moonshot and Stan Hill had two !!

Duplicate Bridge played at Echo Hills on February 11, had Mayme

Douglas and Nick Lehoczy in first; Wynne and Morris Hansen second; and in a tie for third the teams of, Muriel McIntosh and Ross Fletcher and Judy Neimann and Maria Lehoczy.

Contract Bridge at Stanhope last Tuesday afternoon had a good turnout of four tables, great for February. Finally two small slams were bid and made, this time by Dorothy Strype with Diane Boll and Wynne Hansen with Muriel McIntosh. In spite of the slams, scores were low. Third was Diane Boll with 3990; second Chris Stender with 4110; and in first, our worthy reporter, Ross Fletcher with 4670.

The other Duplicate Bridge group, playing on Wednesday afternoons at Park Lane in Haliburton, last week reported: Mayme Douglas with Nick Lehoczy in first; Stella McMillan with Ross Davies, second; and Elva Robinson with Cecil McLeod, third.

The folks of Lochlin had their usual fun playing Euchre last Wednesday evening. All work and no play makes us dull folks!! George Bartley won the 50/50 draw. Isabel Saunders was high woman and May Hicks was low. Earl Schellenberg was high man and Chris Hill, low. Betty Hicks won lone hands.

Have a great week. Next week it will be March 1. We made it!!!

HHHS

Haliburton Highlands Health Services

NOTICE

The third annual meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation will be held on the evening of Thursday, June 24, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. Location of meeting to be announced.

1999/2000 Membership in the Corporation is available to any individual who has been a *resident of, or who has been employed or carried on a business in, the County of Haliburton or in the Township of Laxton, Digby and Longford, or Bexley or Somerville of Victoria County, or Cavendish and Galway of Peterborough County for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the payment of an annual membership fee of ten dollars (\$10). Your 1998/99 membership will expire at the close of this annual meeting.

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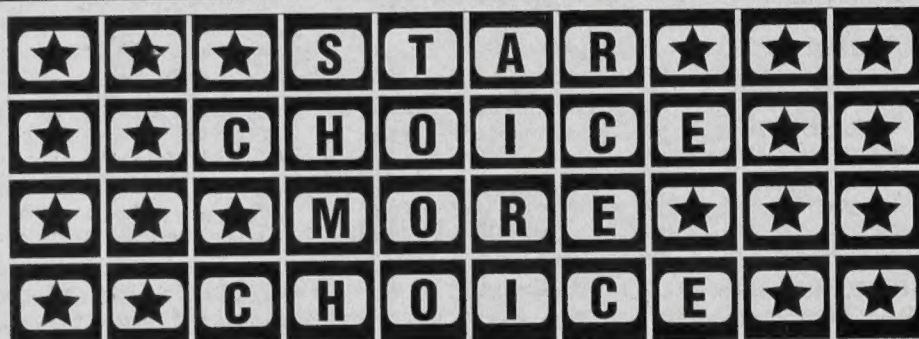
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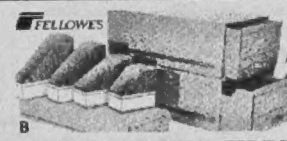
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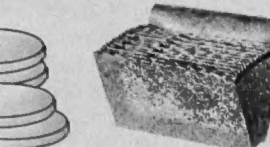
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How can we ever say "Thank You" adequately to our children and to our friends and relatives for the most wonderful 50th anniversary celebration. We relived the laughter and the tears (of laughter) over so many priceless times during our lives together. This date of February, 1999 will be a treasured time of memories that will last us for the rest of our lives. Thank you so very much to our children, Suzanne, Larry, Jim, Dianne, Peter, Eric and Pat and their spouses for the fantastic life you have given to us. We are terribly proud of you. And to our many relatives and friends for their thoughts and wishes for us. We have been truly blessed. May God Bless you all. We would also like to thank Camp Wanakita for their generosity in letting us use their facility. What a great place to have a reception!

Reg & Pat Burk.

A heartfelt thanks to the many friends, acquaintances and family who were there for "Brownie" and me during the sudden death of my partner in life. I would be very remiss in not thanking the doctors, nursing staff and ambulance personnel for their professionalism and skill displayed in November as well as the fateful day in January. I cannot imagine the community without you or our hospital services. You're truly our unsung heroes. Thanks Gord for your kind words and beautiful service. Once again you went the extra mile and I'm most grateful. A special thanks to Dick for the remarkable eulogy of your life-long friend. Thanks to the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 636, Minden, especially the Ladies Auxiliary for the delicious luncheon served after the service. You always take such good care of us in need. The floral tributes, cards, food and calls received were a great comfort. Thanks also for the many donations in "Brownie's Memory" to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. It will help make a difference. Last, but certainly not least, to Kirsten, Barry and their staff at Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, my gratitude for the care and assistance you have given me. Thank you one and all, it will never be forgotten.

Joanne Brown.

P.S. We miss you Annie Kelly. Stay well!



AT REST

BROWN, Charles (Charlie)

Suddenly at the Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital, Burlington, Ontario on Wednesday, January 6, 1999. Charlie Brown of Burlington, born 11/11/11 in London, England. Beloved husband of Alice (Wilson) Brown. Loving father of the Reverend Douglas C. Brown, OHC of West Park, New York, Shirley and her husband, The Reverend Canon Milton J. Barry of Toronto (children of the late Beatrice "Bea" Brown), and stepfather of Linda and her husband Hugh Pauwels of Oakville and Ron and his wife Jane Wilson of Burlington. Dear grandfather of Catherine, Matthew, Corey, Christopher and the late Cassandra. Predeceased by his brother Arthur and step-sister Florence (England). Served with the Royal Canadian Air Force in WW II in the Aleutian Islands. Charlie was the former owner/operator of Chas. Brown Apple Orchard; retired employee of Burlington Die Casting; Past Warden of St. Luke's Anglican Church and Past President of the Phoenix Fellowship; Past Master of Brant Lodge A.F. & A.M. #663; member of Wellington Square Lodge; 32 degree member of the Scottish Rite, Hamilton; and Past Patron of Lakeview Chapter #79 O.E.S. Charlie will be dearly missed by his many friends in Burlington, Toronto and the Haliburton Highlands. The funeral service was held at St. Luke's Church on Sunday, January 10, 1999, with interment following directly in St. Luke's Churchyard.

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